

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 31824
Kiminobu HIRATA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4387
Application No.: 10/576,720 : Group Art Unit: 3748
Filed: December 13, 2006 : Examiner: Binh Q. Tran
For: ENGINE CONTROL APPARATUS :
AND ENGINE OPERATING :
METHOD :
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2009, the date for response to which having been extended for one (1) month from July 13, 2009 to August 13, 2009.

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